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REPUBLICANIZING THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

From the Commoner.

Mr. Thomas F. Ryan, writing in the North American Review, appeals to "line up" with the reorganizers. The advice which Mr. Ryan gives is the same that is extended by all the representatives of those who would Republicanize the Democratic party. More interest, therefore, than attaches to the article of Mr. Ryan, will be taken in an editorial relating to that article and appearing in the Kansas City Journal, a Republican paper.

Referring at large to Mr. Ryan's suggestions the Journal says: "We can imagine the sorry figure that would be cut by the Democratic party before the people on the issues presented by Mr. Ryan. With scarcely any modification his presentation of these issues could be adopted bodily into the National Republican platform without any violence to the views of that party."

The Journal admits that Mr. Ryan is "correct enough in saying that there can be no hope of restoring public confidence in the Democratic party until it supports the policies which he enumerates," but the Journal adds:

"That which he proposes is a public confession that the Democratic party has been wholly wrong on every prominent issue before the American people in the last ten years. Such a confession, of course, carries with it an open admission that the Republican party has been wholly right on the same issues. And the spectacle of a political party laying claim to the franchises of the people under such a set of circumstances is not an exhilarating or inspiring one, nor does it seem to warrant the hope of Mr. Ryan that such a discredited and humiliated organization can carry the country."

"Still, as Mr. Ryan shows, there is no future for the Democratic party unless it Republicanizes itself in the manner suggested. With the passing of years and a steady adherence to intelligent economics, sound finances, and a loftier degree of patriotism, democracy may get back into the respect of the people and earn the right to a larger participation in the affairs of government."

Reorganizers have sneered at the charge that they seek to "Republicanize" the Democratic party; and yet here we have one of the leading Republican papers of the west saying that with scarcely any modification the Ryan presentation could be adopted bodily into the next Republican platform without doing violence to the views of that party.

Just as Democrats have repeatedly charged, this Republican paper admits that that which the reorganizers propose is a public confession that the Democratic party has been wholly wrong on every prominent issue before the people in the last ten years.

Just as Democrats have contended, this Republican paper admits that such confession carries with it the admission that the Republican party has been wholly right on the same issues.

Just as Democrats have shown, this Republican paper points out that there would be no reason for the people to set aside the Republican party in order to put in its place a Democratic party that differed from the Republican party in name only.

Perhaps these reorganizers may find consolation in the assurance that if the Democratic party will adopt a steady adherence to Republican policies, it may "earn the right to a larger participation in the affairs of government." Perhaps this "larger participation" will consist of the privilege of fat offices and of productive special privileges to be bestowed upon a few individual Democrats who succeed in transforming the Democratic party so that it will not be a serious rival to the Republican party.

The comments of the Kansas City Journal upon Mr. Ryan's article ought to be read by every Democrat who has pride in his party. It must be evident to such Democrats that the effort to reorganize the party along Republican lines must be defeated if the principles for which the Democracy is presumed to stand are preserved.

When Democrats read in a Republican paper the confession that "with scarcely any modification," the reorganizers' presentation of issues "could be adopted bodily into the Republican national platform without doing violence to the views of that party," then they must realize the importance of protecting Democracy's temple.

No time is to be lost in the work of organization. Democrats who do not desire to declare as a truth the falsehood that the Democratic party has been wholly wrong and that the Republican party has been wholly right, will not enlist under the banners of those who would Republicanize the Democratic party.

In every precinct throughout the United States Democrats who believe in democratic principles should organize for the fight that is now on. It is important that no man be chosen as a delegate to a Democratic convention who may not be depended upon to faithfully respect the will of the rank and file.

The Commoner will upon organization furnish a form of constitution and membership blanks to all who contemplate the organization of Democratic clubs; and when these clubs are established they should be reported to The Commoner for the information and encouragement of others.

WORLD'S FAIR CORN EXHIBIT.
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DELEGATION TO GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

Committee From Business Men's Club
Will Be Present at the Convention in St. Louis.

OTHER COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

In response to a circular from the National and International Good Roads Association, the Business Men's Club, on Friday evening, decided to send a delegation to St. Louis, to be present at the convention which met there in the Odson Hall on April 27th and will continue to May 2nd.

The principal subject before the convention will be "Industrial Improvements," and under this head will be discussed "The Betterment of the Common Roads." The deliberations of the convention will comprehend discussion upon scientific methods of common road construction, including plans for providing for their cost and maintenance, together with recommendations for practical public road legislation.

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The steamer China has brought to port one of the largest shipments of opium that has ever come from the Orient. It consisted of 35 cases of 35,415 pounds, on which the duty amounted to \$209,490. The commercial value of the opium is about \$534,340.

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The Children's Industrial Farm Association of St. Louis is providing for an outing for 1,000 children from that city on a farm near Eureka, equipped to house 125 children at a time.

Governor Davis of Arkansas has signed the act of the Legislature of that State making it unlawful for non-residents of that State to hunt or fish at any season of the year in Arkansas.

The governments of Prussia and of the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg have decided to expel the Mormon missionaries, of which there are 145 in Germany and 90 in Prussia.

GENERAL NEWS.

General Maximino Gomez, the Cuban patriot and soldier, will attend the St. Louis World's Fair dedication.

It is estimated that 450,000 people will attend the dedication exercises of the St. Louis World's Fair this week.

Herman Metz, a hermit, was murdered for his money near Edwardsville, Ill., last week, and his body thrown into a hog pen.

Four bandits held up the passengers in a running train on the Burlington out from Lincoln, Neb. About \$1,000 was procured by the robbers.

A painter in East St. Louis accidentally touched two live electric light wires on the 23rd, and as a result his tongue and vocal organs were paralyzed.

The Government mint at San Francisco has orders to coin \$75,000,000 silver pesos or dollars for use in the Philippines. They contain full 216 grains of silver and are equivalent to the Mexican dollar.

Robbers blew open the safe in the post-office at Ferguson, a suburban village of St. Louis, on the 23rd and secured \$150. A battle took place between the robbers and citizens on the streets of the village.

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ALL ALONG THE LEAD BELT

By Old Observer.

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HUNGARIAN SHOT.
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BECAUSE OF SUFFERING.

J. W. Kirkpatrick of Bonne Terre, Craved by Cancer, Killed Himself.

J. W. Kirkpatrick, an elderly man, who has been afflicted with a cancer for many years, committed suicide early Thursday morning by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. The bullet did not enter the head flush, rather glancing to one side, and Mr. Kirkpatrick lived until about three o'clock in the afternoon, though never regaining absolute consciousness. Deceased was 60 years of age, having been born in Washington county, January 26, 1843, and leaves a wife and a number of children, most of whom are grown. He had lived in Bonne Terre for a number of years and it is presumed that he was crazed by the intense pain which the cancer caused him. —Bonne Terre Democrat-Register.

Sunshine Society.
Monday, April 27.

The Boy Sunshiners are out flower gathering today, and already by my bedside is a basket of dogwood blossoms and a nest of violets and spring beauties, left by one member on her way to school. We expect to send a box of blossoms this afternoon that will be scattering sweetness over the cuts of little people who can not run out, or even look out, at the beautiful verdure of spring as we see it.

And about those guns—the Boys' Brigade must have something similar to a gun to use in their drill, and as most of them have arguments or small rifles of their own in the family, Capt. Waide has asked the boys to bring them; but the guns are examined before the drill, and not one is loaded. Those boys whose mothers are afraid to have them use guns, can use sticks as well; so don't anybody stay away (as two members did Friday) on that account. We must have enough boys to make the company a success.

There is sunshine in my soul today," sang the sweet girl voices on the doat as it passed our house on Saturday, and although it is not likely they knew this was the Sunshine Society Headquarters, it was a very pretty coincidence and greatly appreciated.

"Sunshine in my soul." We use such expressions so thoughtlessly, yet if we really have our souls illumined with Jesus' love, we will surely remember our pledge to do a kind deed each day, and will reflect a little of our soul's light into some dark place in another's life.

The programme for May 9th is arranged, and the girls who did not report at our last meeting will be called on then. So don't put off learning your pieces till the last minute. If you have lost the copy we have one.

We want to vote on the time for Junior meetings for the summer—1st, How often? 2d, What hour in the day? 3rd, What day of the week. Be sure to ask the advice of your mother.

We have use for juvenile reading matter this week. Who has a story book, or some papers to send us?

Are the Sunshine gardens all planted? We will have use for every blossom and all the fruit.

A movement is on foot to have both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions of 1904 held in St. Louis during the progress of the Fair.

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